

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hitchcock) Application No. 911-023.71
County, Public Safety Answering)
Point, Trenton, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: December 18, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated November 19, 2007, Hitchcock County, Public Safety Answering Point, Trenton, (Hitchcock County) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Hitchcock County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$31,940.00** for the development of GIS data, cell sector creation and associated project management services; **\$14,500.00** for the purchase and installation of and training on map display software; an additional **\$2,750.00** for software support services. Additionally, Hitchcock County seeks **\$18,900.00** paid in three (3) annual installments of \$6,300.00 for three (3) years of GIS data maintenance services.

Hitchcock County has entered into a contract with GeoComm, Inc. (GeoComm) for the purchase, installation, training, and one-year maintenance of GeoLynx software and has provided a copy of the contract with its request for funding. Additionally, Hitchcock County provided supporting documentation with respect to the costs for data development and maintenance.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Hitchcock County's request at its November 26, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$68,090.00**.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board,

the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that payment should be made to Hitchcock County, or its designee, in the amount of **\$41,190.00** in non-recurring costs pursuant to the terms of the contract and an additional **\$6,300.00** annually for a period not to exceed three (3) years pursuant to the terms of the contract in recurring costs.

The Commission and its authorized staff shall have access to all data developed. Additionally, agencies and political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, to the extent allowed by law and by agreement of the parties, shall have access to data as deemed appropriate by the Commission. The data and all updates shall be provided for inclusion in the centralized GIS data repository.

If the Nebraska Legislature fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide for the payment of costs from the Fund or if a lawful order issued in or for any fiscal year during the term of the contract for services reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such amounts as to preclude making the payments from the Fund, the Commission will not be responsible for any costs not reimbursed by the Fund.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Hitchcock County, or its designee, consistent with the terms of this order, the amount of **\$41,190.00** in non-recurring costs pursuant to the terms of the contract and an additional **\$6,300.00** annually for a period not to exceed three (3) years pursuant to the terms of the contract in recurring costs.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of
December, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director